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Consumer Product SAFETY ALERT

FROM THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

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"Silver Rail Express" Toy Train Recalled Because of Potential Fire Hazard

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), New Bright Industries of Canton, Michigan is voluntarily recalling some 38,000 battery-powered toy train sets because of a potential fire hazard.

The train sets, identified as Model #1170, "Talking Silver Rail Express," were manufactured in Hong Kong and shipped to the U.S. between August 28, 1986 and November 5, 1986. New Bright Industries has received 16 complaints of toy train sets short-circuiting, causing the coal tender car to overheat. No injuries have been reported; however, consumers have reported nine incidents of the train catching fire.

The train sets involved were manufactured with two different types of wire plug connectors between the coal tender car and the locomotive which transmit power current from the battery compartment in the coal tender car to the DC motor in the locomotive. One of these plug connectors is made of black plastic with a metal prong protruding straight forward.

The other plug has a metal prong protruding at a 90-degree angle. All New Bright Model 1170 Silver Rail Express train sets manufactured and shipped in 1987 and 1988 have a plastic connector plug with no metal prong, and are not affected by the recall.

New Bright Industries is offering a free replacement train set to owners of 1986 train sets. For information about obtaining a free replacement as well as assistance in identifying models affected by this recall announcement, consumers should call the New Bright toll-free number at 1-800-325-5630; in Michigan, call collect at 1-313-981-0020. Consumers may also write to New Bright Industries, 41911 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187.

NOTE: To report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury, consumers may call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772. A teletypewriter for the hearing impaired is 1-800-638-8270; the Maryland TTY number is 1-800-492-8104.

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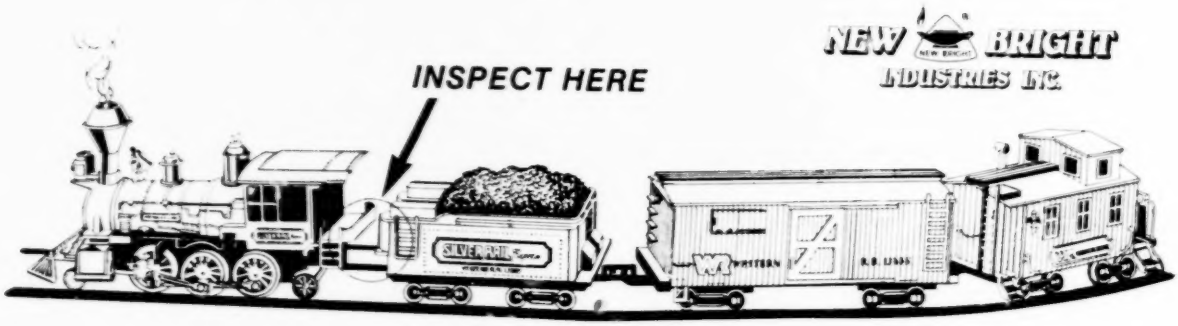
Silver Rail Express Toy Train Recalled For Potential Burning Hazard

Do you have this battery operated, Model 1170 SILVER RAIL *Express* Toy Train?



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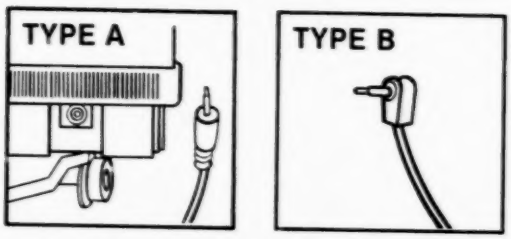

If your train set is equipped with one of these type plug connectors, you should **DISCONTINUE USE IMMEDIATELY.**

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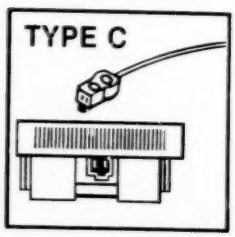

If your train set is equipped with this type plug connector, you can continue use.

Consumers owning a train set with a Type "A" or "B" plug connector should send the locomotive and coal tender to New Bright Industries, Inc. Replacement will be free and postage will be reimbursed. For mailing instructions call **1-800-325-5630** (in Michigan call collect **1-313-981-0020**.)